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In response to the Office Letter mailed 5/18/2005, please amend the above application as follows:

- **CLAIMS:** Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this response. The amended claims were objected to as not adhering to the format required by 37 CFR 1.121. Specifically, applicant used the improper status identifier "Amended", when the proper format of the status identifier for those claims should be "Currently amended". Additionally, applicant used all capitals in the status identifiers of Amendment B. For consistency and to ensure compliance, only the first letters of all status identifiers are now capitalized. Appropriate corrections have been made to the claims, and thus are now respectfully re-submitted in corrected form.
- Additionally, a clean set of claims is attached as Appendix A of this response.